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STANDING RULES

OF THE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

OF THE

DISTRICT OF JOHNSTOWN,

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ADOPTED

AT ITS

First Meeting held at Brockville,
on the 8th day of February,
1842.

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1.

THAT the Municipal Council do meet at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and if at that hour there is not a QUORUM, the Warden may take the Chair and adjourn to a certain hour on the same or the following day.

2.

That whenever the Warden is obliged to adjourn the Council for want of a QUORUM, the hour at which such adjournment is made, and the names of the Councillors present, shall be inserted in the Minutes.

3.

That immediately after the Warden shall have taken the

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Chair, the Minutes of the preceding day shall be read by the Clerk, to the end that any mistake therein may be corrected.

4.

That the Warden shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Council.

5.

That every Councillor previous to his speaking, shall rise from his seat, and address himself to the Warden.

6.

That when a Councillor is speaking, no other Member of the Council shall hold discourse to interrupt him.

7.

That a Councillor called to order by the Warden shall sit down, unless permitted to explain, and

when two or more speak at once, the presiding (Speaker) of the Council, shall name the Member to speak.

That no Councillor shall move more than one question, without the permission of the Council, except the Warden, who shall have a right to move as many questions as he thinks proper.

That upon any question in debate, the Council shall be divided into two parts, of those who are in favour of those who are against, and who vote a majority shall be entered in the Minutes, if any Councilor shall move a question.

That no question shall be debated or put to the vote, unless it be in writing and signed by the mover.

when two or more Members rise at once, the Warden or person presiding (subject to an appeal to the Council, if demanded,) shall name the Member who is first to speak.

8.

That no Councillor shall speak more than once on the same question, without leave of the Council, except the mover who shall have a right to reply.

9.

That upon a division on any question in the Council, the names of those who vote for and of those who vote against the question, shall be entered upon the Minutes, if any Councillor require it.

10.

That no question shall be debated or put, unless the same be in writing and seconded.

11.

That all questions shall be put in the order in which they are moved.

12.

That every motion when seconded, shall be read by the Warden.

13.

That every By-Law shall be introduced by a motion for leave, specifying the object of it—or by a motion to appoint a Committee to prepare and bring it in—or by an order of the Council on the report of a committee.

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That every By-Law shall receive three several readings at length, each on different days, previous to its being passed, except on urgent occasions.

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That the time of each reading, and of the passing of every By-Law shall be certified on the back hereof by the Clerk.

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That every Member of the Council, who shall introduce a Bill, Petition or Motion, upon any subject which may be referred to a Select Committee, shall be one of the Committee, without being named by the council.

17.

That all persons whose interest or property may be affected by any proposed By-Law, may appear in person, or by Agent, before the council or committee appointed to consider the By-Law.

18.

That Petitions and other papers addressed to the council, shall be

presented by a councillor in his place, immediately after the reading of the Minutes, who shall be answerable to the council that they do not contain improper or impertinent matter. All such petitions and papers shall be read by the Clerk when presented.

19.

That the mode of appointing Special or Standing Committees shall be for each Councillor in his place to name one, which shall be written down by the Clerk. Those who have most Voices shall be taken successively until the number agreed on is completed.

(Signed)

W. MORRIS,

Warden.

(A true extract,)

JAMES JESSUP,

District Clerk

Pro. Tem.

